



State of Tennessee Department of Children's Services

## **Administrative Policies and Procedures: 21.1**

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### **Subject: Minimum Rules and Regulations for Approval of Schools**

**Supersedes:** DCS 21.1, 12/01/02

**Local Policy:** No

**Local Procedures:** No

**Training Required:** No

**Applicable Practice Model Standard(s):** Yes

**Approved by:**

**Effective date:** 11/01/98

**Revision date:** 12/01/04

### **Application**

To All Department Of Children's Services Approved Schools

**Authority:** TCA 37-5-106

### **Policy**

The schools in the Department of Children's Services are considered to be a Tennessee public school system and therefore shall fulfill the requirements for school approval in accordance with the procedures established by the Tennessee State Board of Education.

### **Procedures**

**A. Rules, Regulations and Minimum Standards for the Governance of Tennessee Schools**

Each DCS school principal must maintain a current copy of the Tennessee Board of Education *Rules, Regulations and Minimum Standards for the Governance of Tennessee Schools*.

- ◆ The principal must use the *Rules, Regulations and Minimum Standards for the Governance of Tennessee Schools* as a guide for school operation.
- ◆ The *Rules, Regulations and Minimum Standards for the Governance of Tennessee Schools* must be used as a reference for planning and implementing educational

programs.

**B. Reports required for approval**

**1. Reports for the DCS director of education**

All requests and reports required by the *Rules, Regulations and Minimum Standards for the Governance of Tennessee Schools* for the approval process must be sent to the DCS Director Of Education.

**2. Reports for the Department of Education**

The DCS Director Of Education must submit the required reports to the Department of Education.

**C. Availability of classes**

Comprehensive education programs must be:

- ◆ Made available to all eligible students; and
- ◆ Scheduled at a time when the majority of youth can take advantage of the programs.

**D. Recognition**

Educational programs must provide on-going recognition for educational participation and must give formal recognition of specific educational achievements.

**Forms**

None

**Collateral Documents**

*Rules, Regulations and Minimum Standards for the Governance of Tennessee Public Schools*; ([www.state.tn.us/sos/rules/0520/0520.htm](http://www.state.tn.us/sos/rules/0520/0520.htm))

**Standards**

3-JTS-5D-03

3-JTS-5D-18-1

3-JTS-5D-11

DCS Practice Model Standard - 6-407

DCS Practice Model Standard - 6-410

## **Glossary**

<b><i>Term</i></b>	<b><i>Definition</i></b>
<b><i>Rules, Regulations and Minimum Standards:</i></b>	A Department of Education document containing the rules, regulations, and minimum standards governing public education K-12 in the State of Tennessee as defined and published by the State Board of Education/State Board of Vocational Education. The Tennessee Board of Education is authorized by law to prescribe rules and regulations for the approval, classification and governance of all public schools ( <i>TCA § 49-1-302</i> ). The rules, regulations and minimum standards adopted by the board are intended to implement the law and to furnish a broad framework of policies within which local school systems operate.